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GET ALONG GANG™
DIVE IN FOR A FREE GIFT!
BINGO'S LUCKY DIP!

GANG PROJECT

Why not make a lucky dip for you and your friends? All you need is a nice, large barrel or box. Fill it up with sawdust, straw or shredded newspaper. Then wrap up some presents and put them in the barrel. If you don't want to buy things, you could wrap up things that you don't want any more – old toys, books, comics etc. Give the barrel a really good, hard shake. Take it in turns to draw out a prize.

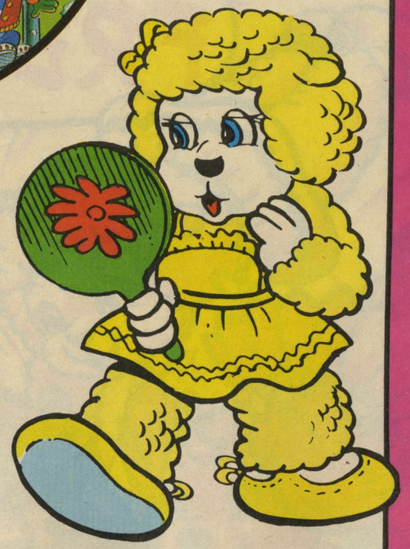
HI GANG!

Wow! Another free gift! You should have a nice collection of Get Along Gang freebies by now!

Do you like writing letters? If so, you might like one of our pen-pal packs! They're free too, so just drop us a line if you'd like one. Remember to tell us your name, address and hobbies.

Now that winter is here, it'll soon be snowing. As you can read in the comic strip story this week we're having fun holding our own winter olympics. You can shape up for the winter sports season by playing our games on page 12. Have fun!

Montgomery



Woolma says:
You don't have to be beautiful to be able to get along!

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NEXT WEEK: Fun in the snow!

Have you seen *Basil the great mouse detective* yet? It's the latest Walt Disney film. In issue 77 we had a great competition in which you had a chance to win a book all about Basil and his adventures!

Here is a list of the lucky winners:
Daniel Abraham, Michelle Nichola Brown, Daniel Cherry, Stuart Clelland, David Congers, Caroline Daines, Matthew Ian Ghilotti, Kelly Marie Gordon, Colette Grant, Liam Hartney, Sarah Jefferies, Louise Kateck, Andrew Lumley, Richard Morgan, Victoria Mundy, Siobhan Mary O'Hagan, Amy Roper, Kevin James Scott, Toby Smith and Wendy Upton.

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WHY AREN'T *YOU* HELPING YOUR FRIENDS, PORTIA?

BECAUSE THEY'VE *FORGOTTEN* THE MEANING OF *FRIENDSHIP!*

THEY'RE SO INTO THE COMPETITION OF BOYS AGAINST GIRLS, THEY THINK THE GAMES HAVE *ALREADY* STARTED!

OOPS! HEH, HEH!

BUMP!

WHAT A *CHEAP* SHOT!

THEY'RE BEING CARRIED AWAY BY IT ALL--AND THEY *WON'T* LISTEN!

HMM... MAYBE *I* CAN HELP!

HEY, GANG! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY YOUNG DAYS AS AN *ATHLETE! FOOTBALL* WAS MY GAME--THEY CALLED ME "*CRAZY LEGS*" GROWLER!

IT WAS THE *BIG* GAME AND WE NEEDED A *SCORE* TO WIN! THE QUARTERBACK HANDED ME THE BALL... I COULD EITHER PASS TO MY BEST FRIEND FOR A SURE TOUCHDOWN OR RUN FOR THE GLORY MYSELF!

I DODGED ONE TACKLER...

...AND ANOTHER, AND ANOTHER, UNTIL I DECIDED TO...

HUH? WHERE IS EVERYONE?

SEE WHAT I MEAN?!

MEANWHILE...

LOOK, GANG! SOMEBODY'S BUILDING *SNOWMEN* ALL AROUND THE AREA WHERE WE'RE PLANNING TO HOLD OUR *GAMES!*

GAMES? DID SOMEONE MENTION *GAMES?*

CATCHUM AND *LELAND!*

OKAY, WHAT'S THE *BIG* IDEA, CATCHUM?

UH, WHY, LELAND AND I JUST WANTED TO *JOIN IN* ON THE *WINTER FUN!* THAT'S ALL!

WE'RE HAVING A *GET ALONG GANG* COMPETITION... AND WE DON'T WANT *YOU* TO INTERFERE!

OF COURSE NOT, DOTTY, DEAR! SOON AS I PUT THE *COAL* ON THIS SNOWMAN, WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY!

THERE WE ARE... *FINISHED! HUH?* WHERE ARE THE *COALS?*

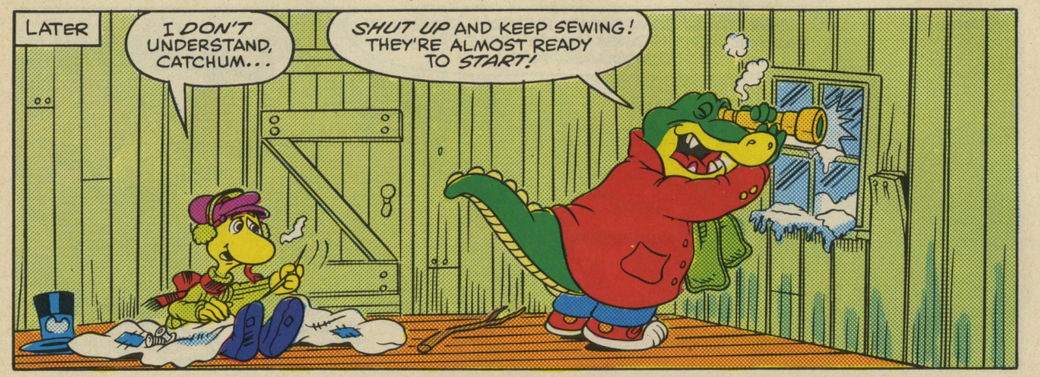
HA HA HA HA

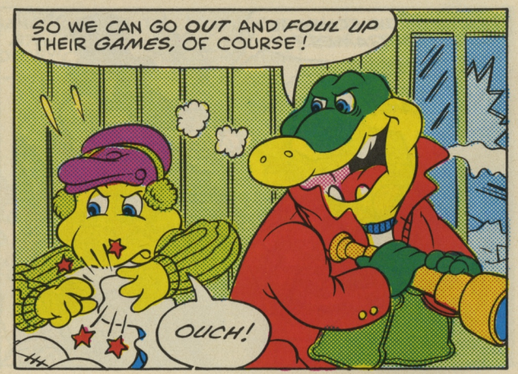
LELAND! WILL YOU *STOP* FOOLING AROUND!?

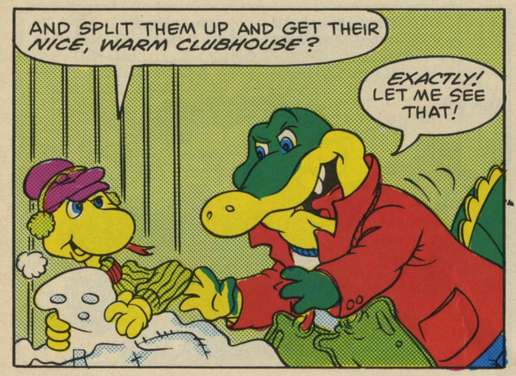
YOUR *SNOWMEN* CAN STAY, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO SEE *YOU!*

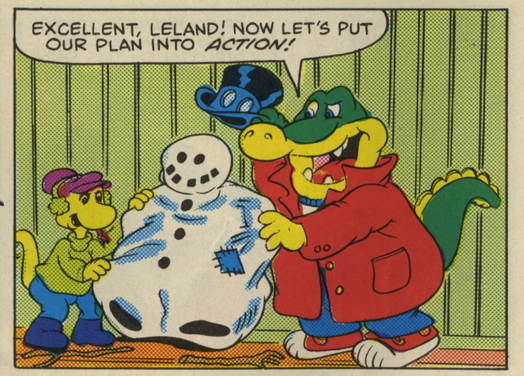
OH, WE *PROMISE* YOU WON'T SEE US!

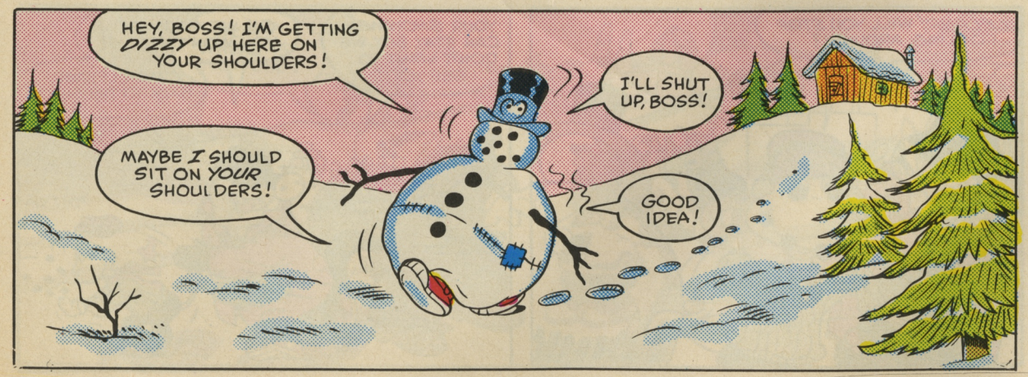
C'MON, LELAND! BACK TO THE SHACK!

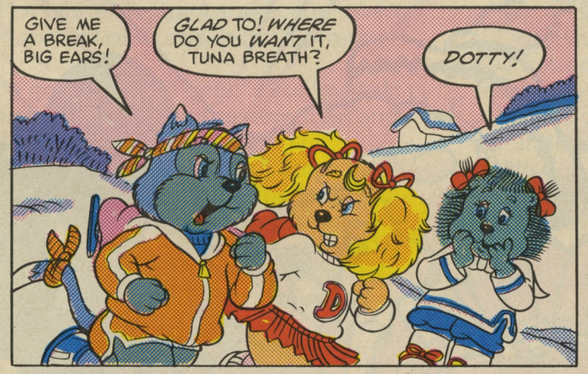


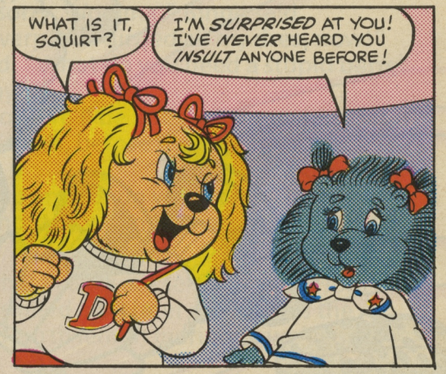


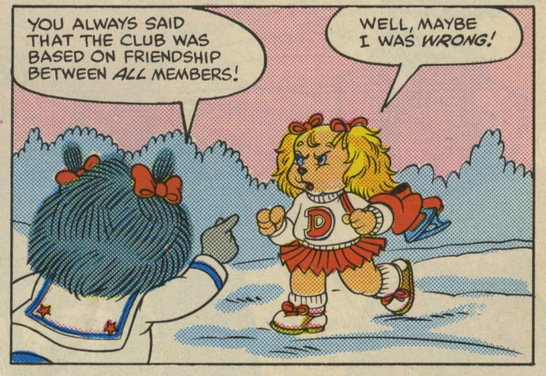


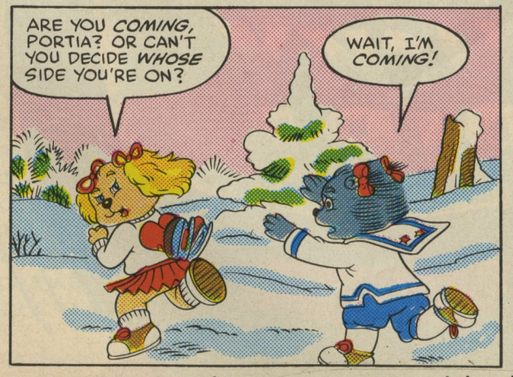


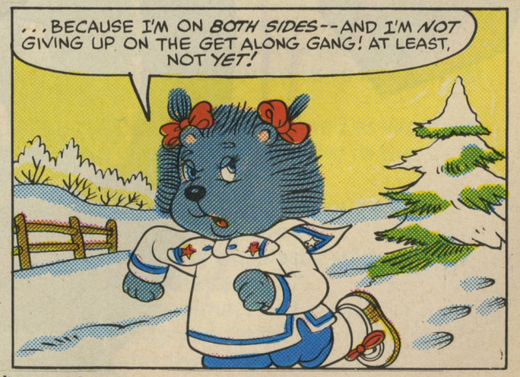












NEXT WEEK: The games start with a bang!

BINGO'S LUCKY DIP!

The Gang are all keen to help at the school fete, but what's Bingo up to with that barrel and sawdust?

Miss Marmot was organising a school fete and the Gang had volunteered to help with a few stalls. So they met at the Caboose after school to discuss ideas.

"I think I'll have a cake and sweet stall." Dotty said excitedly.

Flora and Lolly offered to help. "My father will let us have some sweets to sell too." Lolly told them.

"I think it would be interesting to have a book stall." Braker said.

Rudyard offered to help with that. "We could sell comics too." He said. "I've got a pile of them in the house."

"How about a white elephant stall." Bernice suggested.

"Don't be potty!" Rocco snorted. "We can't sell elephants!"

"Nitwit! A white elephant stall is one where you sell all sorts of odds and ends." Bernice grinned.

"That's a great idea, I'll help." Woolma said eagerly, already imagining the new dress and pretty hair ribbins she'd wear that day.

"I think I'll have a coconut shy," Rocco told them. "That'll be fun. Wanna help, Bingo?"

"No, I've already thought of something." Bingo replied. "But I'm keeping it a secret."

"Huh! Be like that then!" Woolma sniffed. "It's probably something stupid anyway."

"Hey, let's not argue," Dotty said. "We've got too much to do, like sorting out stuff for the fete."

"Yeah, let's start now." Bernice suggested. "It's about time this Caboose had a tidy up, anyway."

"We'll have this pile of comics for our book stall." Braker said, as they sorted through everything.

"But I haven't finished reading them yet." Rocco protested.

"Oh, come on, they've been around the Caboose for ages." Dotty cried. "Remember, the money from this fete goes towards our Christmas party!"

"Anyone got anything for our stall?" Woolma asked. "We want some really unusual things."

"Okay then, you can have this!" Bingo grinned, throwing over a joke spider.

"Aargh! Get it away! Woolma screamed.

"You can have this book!" Braker said. "Rocco spilt some ink over a page."

"I've got a pack of cards here, there's only one missing." Montgomery offered.

"And my old tennis bat." Zipper said.

"We don't want stuff like that on our stall!" Woolma said haughtily. "No one would buy it!"

"I'll have them!" Bingo said, grabbing them.

"What you having – a jumble stall?" Rocco laughed.

"You'll see," Bingo smirked.

Early the next morning they all met at the Caboose so they could go to the fete together.

"Where's Bingo?" Montgomery asked. "Miss Marmot said we had to be at the school for 9.30 and it's almost that now."

"Here he is – **yipes,** what's he got that for! Zipper shouted as Bingo raced towards them rolling a big barrel.

"Watch out! I can't stop it!" Bingo yelled.

"Yeeow! Aaargh!" Woolma tripped over as she jumped out of the way and **"Crash!"** The barrel smashed into the Caboose.

"Er . . . sorry, Woolma." Bingo said.

"You twerp, I've dirtied all my dress now!" She fumed. "What do you need a stupid barrel for anyway?"

"Come on, we'll be late." Montgomery reminded them, before they could argue again.

"Hurry up and set up your stalls, Gang!" Miss Marmot shouted when they arrived at school.

"These cakes are selling well." Flora smiled a bit later on. "That's the fourth lemon meringue we've sold already!"

"Wonder how the others are doing?" Dotty said, peering around. "Wow, look at that big queue at Bingo's stall."

Woolma noticed it too. "Goodness, what's Bingo selling?" She said to Bernice, waiting anxiously for the crowd to clear so they could see.

"It's a lucky dip!" Bernice said. "So that's what he wanted the barrel for!"

Bingo had filled the barrel with sawdust, hid some parcels in it and was charging 10p for a dip out of the barrel.

"What a super idea, I must have a go!" Woolma said, dashing over. "I might get some new hair ribbons!"

Montgomery and Dotty were already in the queue! "That's why he kept it a surprise." Dotty smiled. "He didn't want us to know what the prizes were!"

"Take your pick!" Bingo grinned as Woolma gave him 10p and fumbled around in the barrel.

"I'll have this one!" she pulled out a parcel and eagerly tore off the paper.

"Aargh!" she threw the plastic spider down on the floor. "Not that again!"

"Never mind, Woolma, I had some hair ribbons so I'll swop you." Montgomery laughed. "I prefer the spider anyway!"

It's fun, working and playing together!

Now you can join in that fun and adventure with your very own Get Along Gang characters. Six of your furry favourites are available from Tomy as cuddly, lovable friends. You can have Dotty Dog, Zipper Cat, Portia Porcupine, Montgomery "Good News" Moose, Bingo "Bet It All" Beaver and Woolma Lamb.

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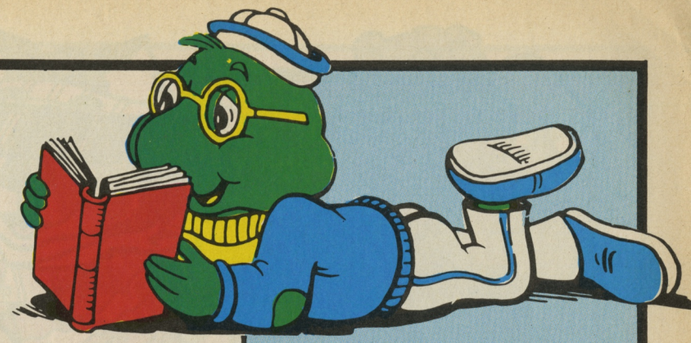
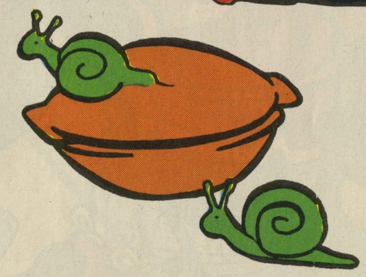
AS EASY AS

ABC



Capital: Paris.
Language: French.
Why France is a great place to visit:

- The French have some very funny eating habits. For instance they like to eat **snails** and **frogs' legs!** With lots of garlic!
- Every year the biggest bike race in the world, the **Tour de France**, is held in France. The competitors cycle over 4000 miles and have to cycle through the Alps. The race lasts for 23 days!

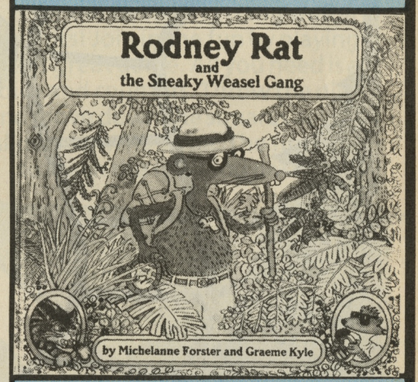


- The **Eiffel Tower** is the building that you can see in the background of the picture below. It stands in the centre of **Paris.** It was built by Alexandre Eiffel in 1889, and is almost 1000 feet high! It has 1792 steps!
- Woolma loves France, especially **Paris,** as it is famous for its clothes shops. French **perfume** is also very famous – and very smelly!

The French flag

FRANCE

book choice



Rodney Rat and the Sneaky Weasel Gang by Michelanne Forster. Illustrated by Graeme Kyle. Published by Hodder and Stoughton. Price: £6.95.

One day Rodney Rat discovers a ruby ring. As he is admiring it, the Sneaky Weasel Gang dash in and snatch the ring away! Rodney asks his friends to help him get the ring back, but they are too busy watching television. So Rodney sets off alone into the bush, where he meets something much more frightening than the Sneaky Weasel Gang!

Also in the series: *Rodney Rat and the Sunken Treasure.*

Cut out and collect.

WINTER SPORTS!

The boys are getting into training for the Get Along Gang winter olympics! Join in the fun by playing this great game. All you need is a dice and counters. Throw the dice and move down the squares as you slide down the slope. The first one to reach the finishing post is the winner!

Fall over. Miss a turn.

Lose ski-pole. Miss a turn.

Bent ski. Back 3.

Sun melts the snow. Miss a turn.

Broken ankle. Back 3.

Avalanche. Miss a turn.

Stuck in snowdrift. Back 3.

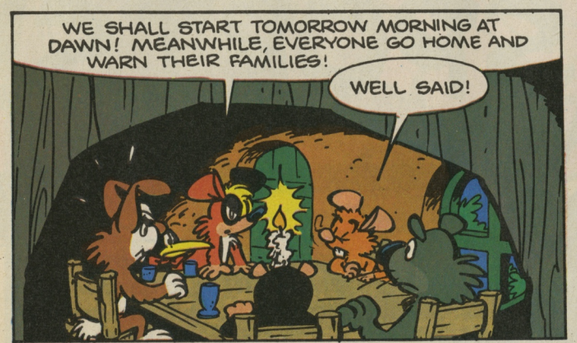
FINISH

Abominable snowman! Back 3.

The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

Cloro, Digby and their friends are preparing to put up a fight against two mean bullies . . .



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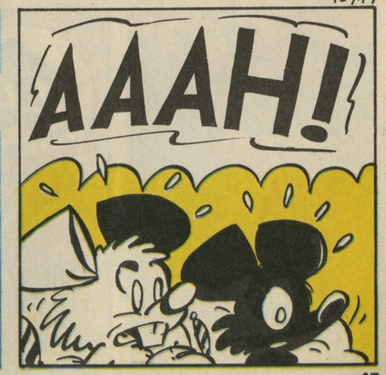

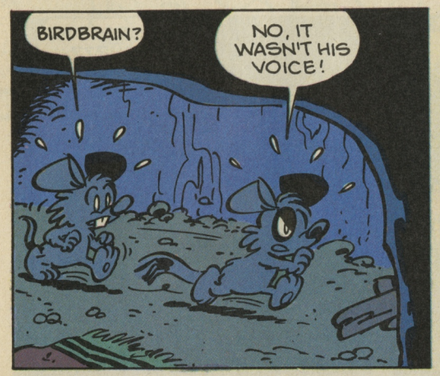

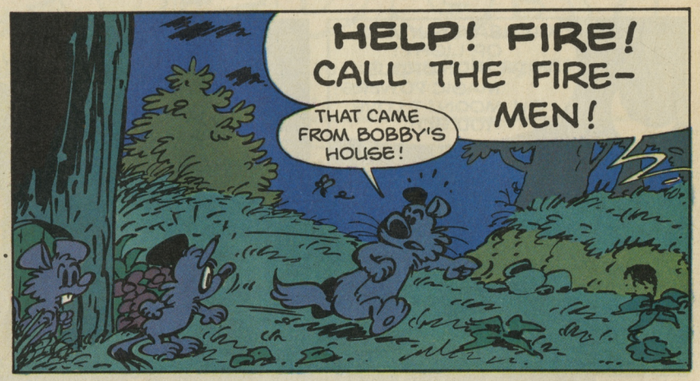

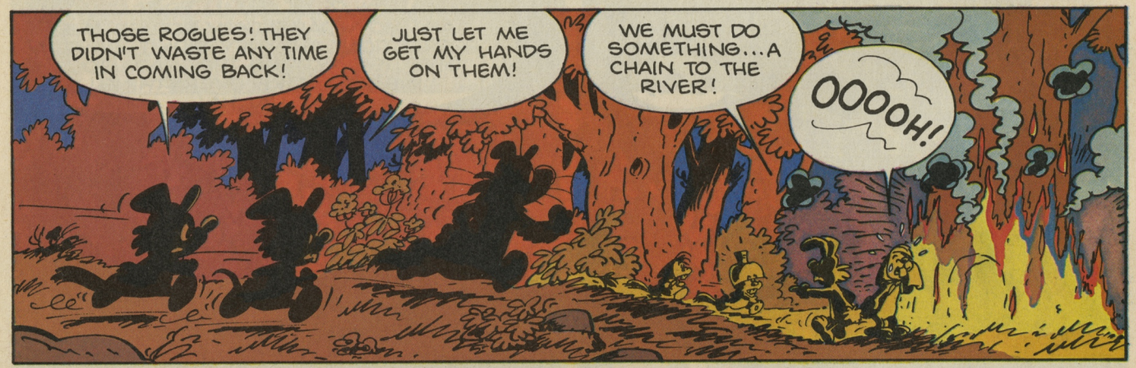

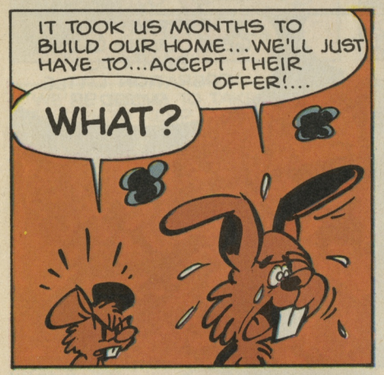

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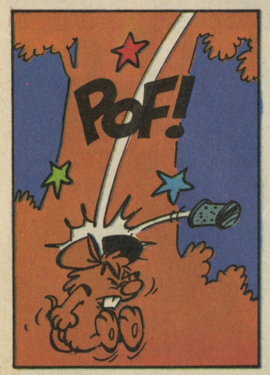
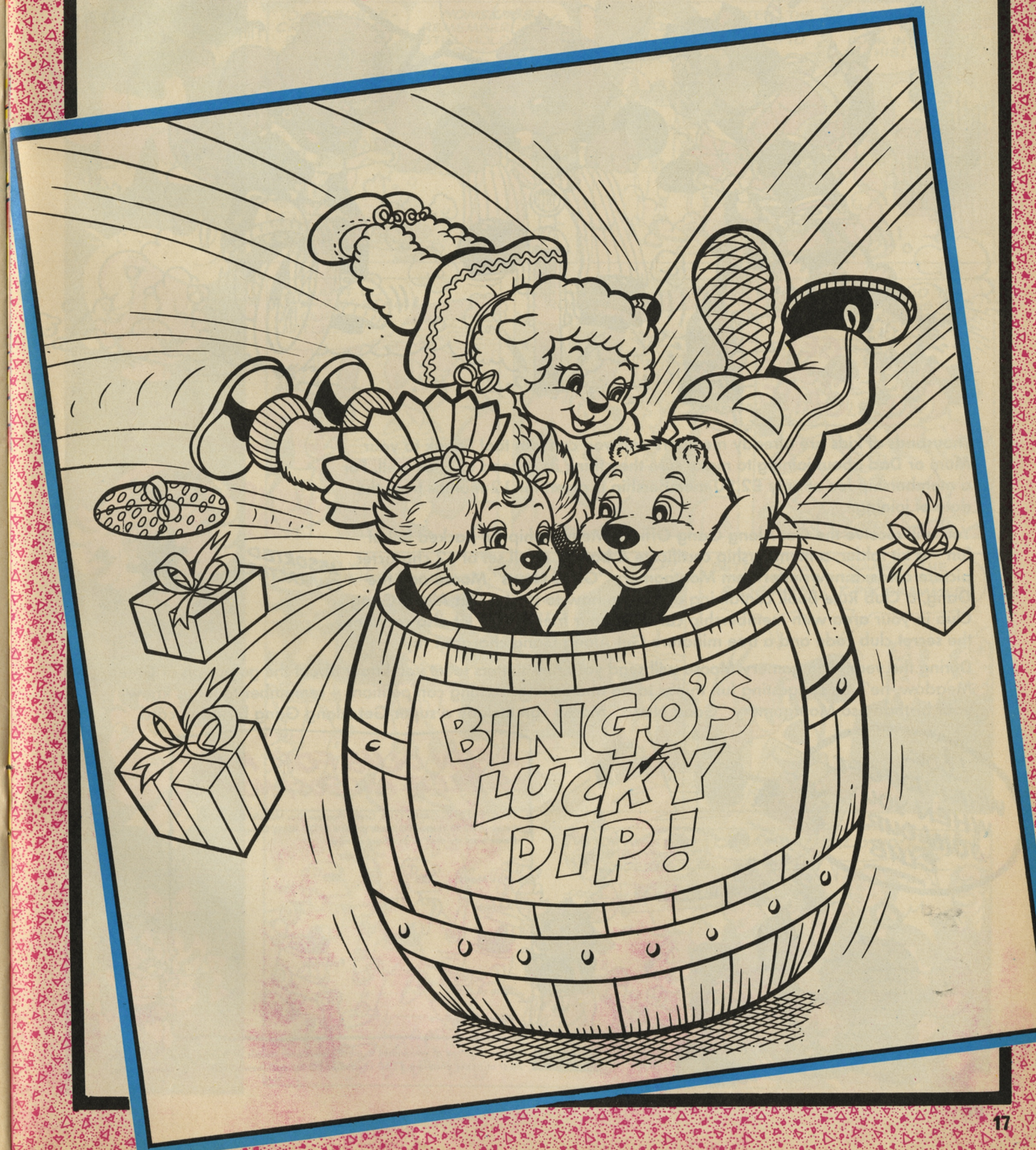


NEXT WEEK: Fire in Little Wood!

Colouring Chaos!

Dive into Bingo's lucky dip! Colour in this exciting scene!



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free minature Get Along Gang character toy.

FREE!

MINIATURE TOY

ASSORTED CHARACTERS

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS
COMPLETE AND POST NOW TO:-

The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, U.K.
I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club.
Please enrol my child as an official member:-

Miss/Master: .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode .....

Date of Birth: .....

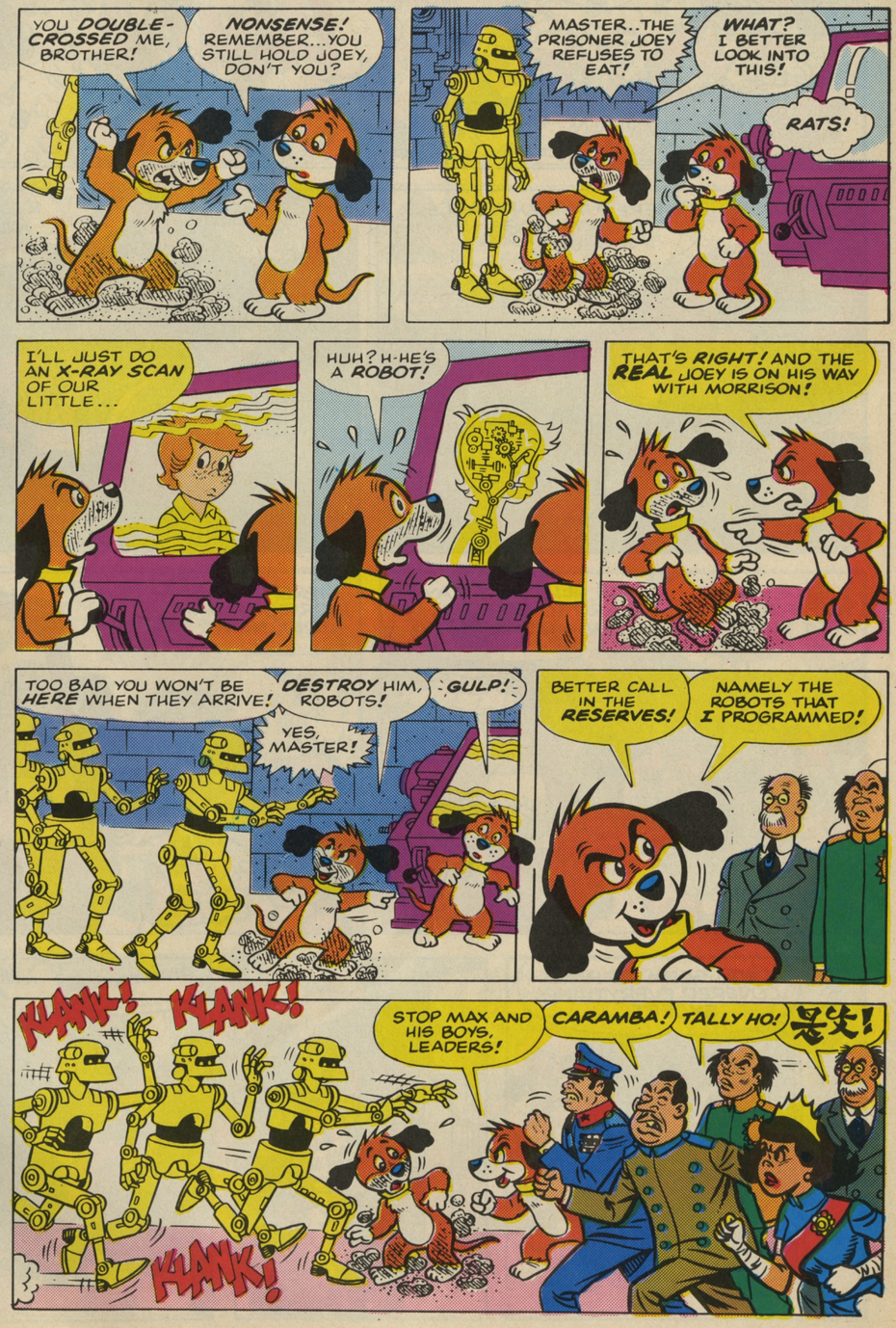
Parents Signature: .....

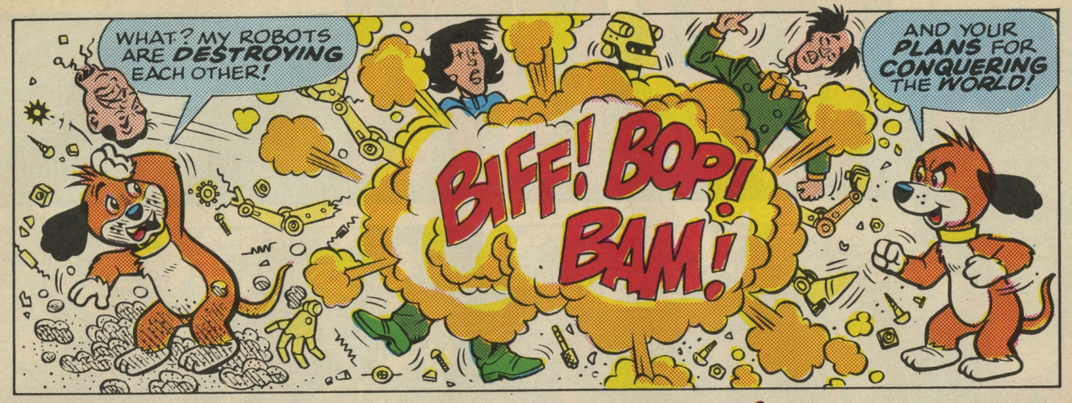
If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.

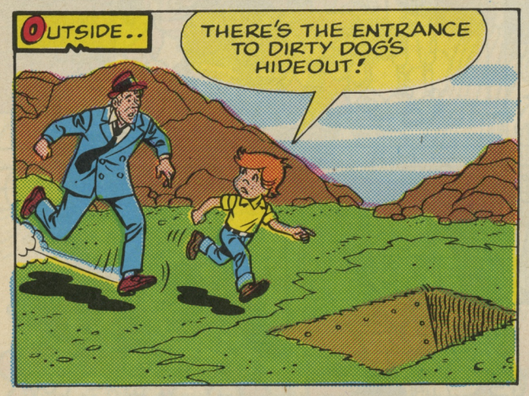
The secret life of. . .

TOP DOG™

Dirty Dog has kidnapped Joey and Top Dog. He is also planning to take over the world with the help of his robots . . .




WHAT? MY ROBOTS ARE DESTROYING EACH OTHER!
BIFF! BOP! BAM!
AND YOUR PLANS FOR CONQUERING THE WORLD!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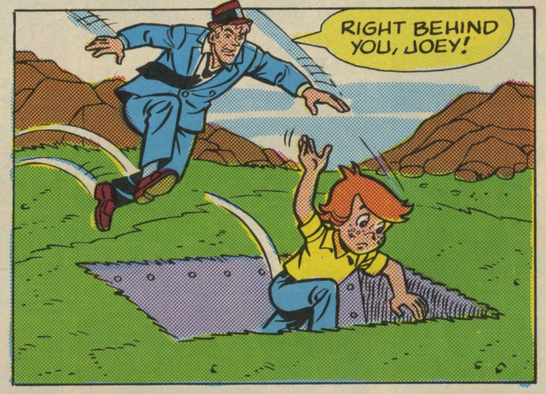
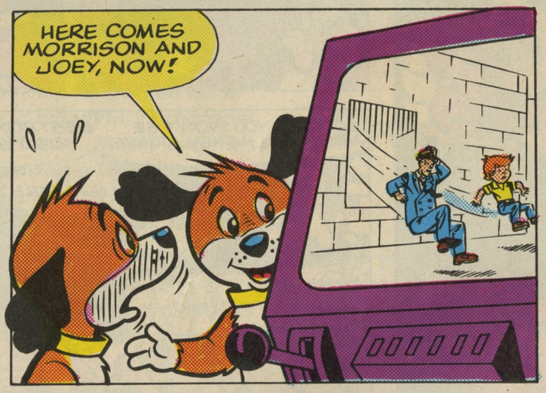
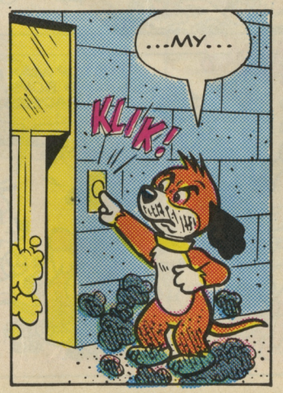
THERE'S THE ENTRANCE TO DIRTY DOG'S HIDEOUT!


RIGHT BEHIND YOU, JOEY!

I'LL DESTROY YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO, BROTHER!
HEH HEH! THAT MAY BE HARD TO DO FROM A JAIL CELL, DIRTY!


HERE COMES MORRISON AND JOEY, NOW!

YOU SEEM TO HAVE COVERED EVERYTHING, EXCEPT....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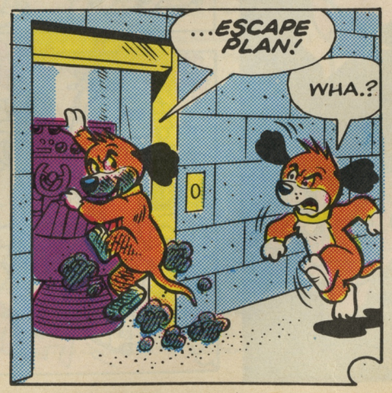
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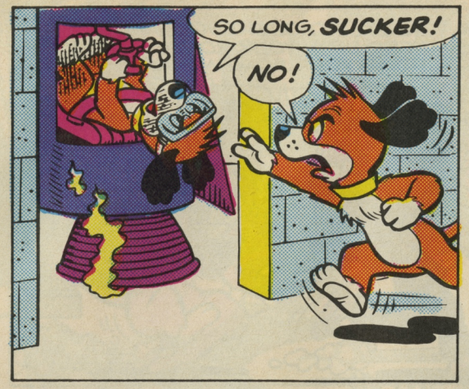
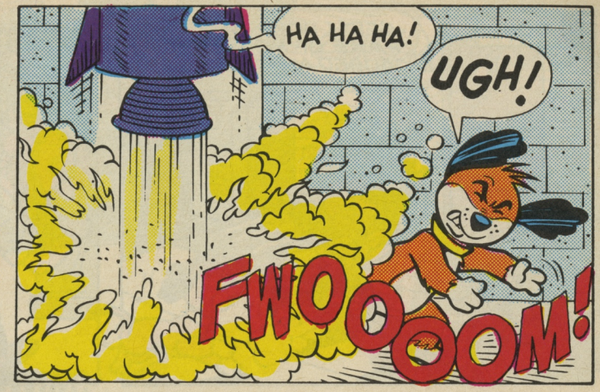
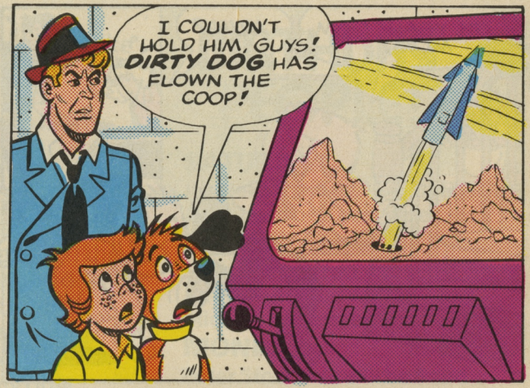

SO LONG, SUCKER!
NO!

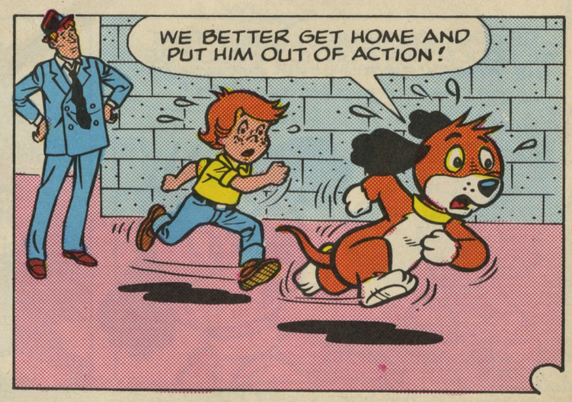

HA HA HA!
UGH!
FWOOOOOOM!

TOP DOG! YOU'RE SAFE!
JOEY! MORRISON!


I COULDN'T HOLD HIM, GUYS! DIRTY DOG HAS FLOWN THE COOP!

WELL, AT LEAST THE WORLD WON'T BE THREATENED BY HIS EVIL ROBOTS!

EXCEPT ONE!
THERE'S A FAKE "JOEY" AT YOUR HOUSE IMPERSONATING YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT!


WE BETTER GET HOME AND PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION!

NEXT WEEK: A great new adventure for Joey and Top Dog!

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

Where does Tarzan get his clothes?
From a jungle sale!
Lauren Young.

What do you call two spiders who have just got married?
Newly webs!
Trevor Young.

What happened to the cat that swallowed a ball of wool?
She had mittens!
Marcus Brightman.

What is black, floats on water and shouts knickers?
Crude oil!
Sheena Whittaker.

IN THE SWIM!

Dear Catchum,
I love swimming! I would like to swim in Gummyfoot Swamp with you and Leland! I would also like to ask you, who is your favourite friend?
Iain Ross.

Swimming's great, isn't it? You'd love swimming in the swamp, as long as you don't mind a few snails, slugs, lizards and newts joining in!
Leland's my favourite friend. Hes also my only friend, so I haven't much choice!

ROCKY ROCCO?

Dear Catchum,
I think Rocco Rabbit is great! Is he named after Rocky? Cos he's so tough!
Kwabena Owusu-Agyemang.

That daft rabbit is called Rocco 'cos he's got a rock instead of a brain!

SNOOZING BEAVER!

Dear Catchum,
Bingo is my favourite member of the Gang. Does he snore at night?
Charlotte Lattin.

He certainly does! **Chortle!** His snores make the whole Caboose shake! We can hear him from the swamp!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY
Jill Mallon will be 14 and **Helen Taylor** will be a year older.

SUNDAY
Scott Paul Barrett will be 7, **John-Paul Flood** will be 7 and **Michael Waterman** will be 30.

MONDAY
Peter Stockdale will be 6 and **Kelly Degaute** will be 13.

TUESDAY
Lindsey Scott will be 7.

WEDNESDAY
David Firman will be 5, **Matthew Haines** will be 8 and **Rachel Jennings** will be 8.

THURSDAY
Ann Hammersley will be a year older.

FRIDAY
Ben Hastman will be 7 and **Caroline Boshall** will be a year older.

BELATED GREETINGS TO...
Carina Aimee Buckley (8 on Nov 3rd), **Julie Davies** (6 on Nov 11th) and **Craig Ashberry** (4 on Nov 15th).

Write to:- Mr.C.Crocodile. Gummyfoot Swamp. Marvel Comics. 23. Redan Place. London W2 4SA.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!

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